

APPEAL NO. 021657
FILED AUGUST 13, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on May 21, 2002. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that on _____, the appellant (claimant) sustained a compensable injury to her right wrist, in the form of a sprain/strain, but did not sustain the more serious alleged injuries of a complete tear of her ulnar collateral ligamentous complexes (UCL) and/or an ulnar nerve injury. Because the claimant based her disability claim on the more serious injuries alleged, the hearing officer determined that she did not have resulting disability. The claimant appealed on sufficiency grounds, seeking reversal, and the respondent (carrier) responded, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that while the claimant sustained a compensable injury in the form of a sprain/strain to her right wrist, she did not sustain the more serious alleged injuries of a complete tear of her UCL and/or an ulnar nerve injury, with a date of injury of _____. The hearing officer determined that the claimant's testimony of the mechanism of injury did not support the more serious injuries.

The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and the credibility to be given the evidence. Section 410.165(a). The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues in the carrier's favor. While the claimant argued a different interpretation of the evidence, we conclude that the hearing officer's determinations are supported by the evidence, and are not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986); Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 001360, decided July 27, 2000. Applying the same standard, we find no error in the hearing officer's determination that the claimant did not have disability.

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The official name of the carrier is **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Gary L. Kilgore
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